

RUN INTO A DRAY.

MUCH WAS THE CAUSE OF THE DEATH OF ROBERT HOWARD (COLORED).

All Nickel-in-the-Slot Machine Cases Dismissed—Persons Sent to the Grand Jury.

Yesterday in the Police Court.

It has developed that Robert Howard (colored) was not murdered, and that his death was rather the result of his own carelessness. Matthew Elyson and John Ramsey Jefferson (colored) were charged in the Police Court yesterday morning with killing Howard, and their cases were postponed until Coroner Taylor could hold his post-mortem and inquest. These examinations took place yesterday morning. Dr. Taylor's autopsy revealed the fact that death resulted from peritonitis, superinduced by internal injuries. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning the Coroner's jury heard evidence with regard to the affair. From the evidence it seemed that until a few weeks ago Howard resided in North Carolina. Very soon after coming here he got into a bad way, and was arrested, and committed to jail from the Police Court in default of payment of the fine imposed on him.

CAME TO GET HIM OUT.

His mother, Lucy Howard, heard of the trouble in which her son had gotten and came to Richmond last Tuesday, paid the fine, and secured Robert's release from prison. He was to have returned some with his mother.

Tuesday night about 9 o'clock Howard, according to other negroes met Matt Elyson, another negro with whom he had had trouble, on the sidewalk near the depot, and was beaten by Elyson and John Ramsey Jefferson, who were with him. Howard ran off toward the depot, and was pursued by the three. He was caught in an alley back of Canal street between Second and Third, and while running at full speed came into violent contact with the wheel of a dray which was standing in the alley.

He fell, badly hurt, staggered to the house of Elizabeth Davis, who is a friend of his mother, and who lives at No. 123 Cary street, where he was put to bed. Early this morning he was taken to the hospital, and died Wednesday afternoon about 1 o'clock. The cases of Elyson and the Jeffersons will come up in the Police Court this morning, when the Coroner's jury will be discharged. As the cause of death was the running into the wagon, the Coroner's jury will be discharged. As the cause of death was the running into the wagon, the Coroner's jury will be discharged.

THE SLOT-MACHINE CASES.

When the nickel-in-the-slot machine cases were called in Justice Crutcher's Court, Mr. H. Smith, acting for the Commonwealth's Attorney, asked that the charges against the barkeepers and others who had been reported for keeping the machines, be will be kept. Mr. Smith stated himself beyond a doubt that the slot machines were pure and simple gambling machines, and that the cases of the small parties who had been reported, he thought, should be considered in the light of it would be unjust to punish them. He wished to let the many understand, however, that any future attempt to have the slot machines in operation would result in the arrest of the operators—that is, the cases of the small parties who had been reported, he thought, should be considered in the light of it would be unjust to punish them. He wished to let the many understand, however, that any future attempt to have the slot machines in operation would result in the arrest of the operators—that is, the cases of the small parties who had been reported, he thought, should be considered in the light of it would be unjust to punish them.

OTHER POLICE-COURT CASES.

Annie Gardner (colored), who was in the charge of stealing \$25 from Hugh Bone, was sent to the grand jury.

Ernest Black (colored), charged with entering the room of J. C. Crittendon and stealing a clock valued at \$6, was dismissed.

Charles Payne, Rudolph Jordan, and Robert Markham paid \$25 and costs each for fighting in the street.

The case of R. L. Turner, who was before the Justice for carrying concealed weapons, was postponed until July 20th.

NEWS OF THE CITY HALL.

Hustings Court Cases and Those of Other Tribunals—Council Committee Meetings.

Yesterday was quite a busy day at the City Hall courts. In the Hustings Court Judge D. M. Bernard, of Petersburg, occupied the bench for Judge S. B. Witt, and the following cases were disposed of: William Chandler (colored), convicted of housebreaking, was sent to jail for one day and fined \$100.

John Gaskins and George Reed were acquitted of housebreaking. He was jailed for six months and fined \$5, however, or petit larceny.

Rufus Oliver, charged with petit larceny, was acquitted.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday the case of James Sweeney vs. John Kelly came up. L. O. Wendenburg was counsel for the plaintiff, and Sam Fane and Smith & Moncre for the defendant.

Counsel for the defendant asked for a continuance of the case on account of the sickness of Mr. Page. The Judge overruled this, saying that the defendant had other good counsel, and adjourned the case until 1 o'clock to give the defendant an opportunity to get other counsel if he thought it proper. At that hour the case began.

Several decrees in chancery were entered.

THIS CIRCUIT COURT.

The City Circuit Court disposed of the following cases yesterday: *James N. Wilson vs. George T. King, T. P. A. P., and W. W. Turner.* Verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$102.26, with interest from February 5, 1891, until paid.

Same vs. E. T. P. A. P., and W. W. Turner. Verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$27.14, with interest.

Same vs. E. P. and Louisa Turner, William N. Wilson, and William H. Valen. Verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$122.20, with interest.

Peter Paul vs. William H. Beveridge. Judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of \$15.75.

Matthew F. Manry vs. James D. Craig. Petition for a writ of mandamus dismissed. This case grew out of the tender of \$5 coupons for payment of taxes. The Judge sustained the demand of Craig, Treasurer of Richmond, His decision was based on the recent action of the Court of Appeals in the case of the Commonwealth of Virginia vs. McCulloch.

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There will be a meeting of the Committee on grounds at Buildings at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the establishment of Charles F. Taylor & Co., on south Thirteenth street. The only business to be considered will be the bills and pay-rolls of the department.

PREPARING FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

An All-Day Pic-Nic to be Given at Bethel July 4th.

Mr. J. B. Watkins, of Hallsboro', Chesterfield county, was in Richmond yesterday. In conversation with a Dispatch reporter he said that the people in the neighborhood of Bethel church are in high glee over the pic-nic to be given there July 4th, and that extensive preparations are being made for the crowd that is expected.

The association meets with this church during the month of August. The old structure, which was nearly a hundred years old, was torn down last month, and a beautiful new place of worship is now in course of erection. The church will not be completed in time for the association, but the tabernacle, with seating capacity of nearly one thousand, has been built for the accommodation of the delegates and others attending the association.

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